

National Civil Service League



16 September 1970

Mr. Robert S. Wattles, Director of Personnel
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Mr. Wattles:

Jean Couturier has asked me to answer your recent letter with our warmest thanks. We are so appreciative that you thought of us and forwarded that select group of photos of select people. Incidentally, Nation's Business for September carries a superb article-- with pictures--on the 1970 Award Winners.

Very soon, we will be inviting agency heads to nominate their best for the 1971 Career Service Awards program, and we look forward to hearing from CIA again.

With every good wish to you,

Cordially yours,

Ada R. Kimsey

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18 JUN 1970

MEMO TO: DD/Pers/SP

1. In regard to Colonel White's memo concerning pictures taken at the NCSL's awards dinner, the following is for your information and consideration.

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2. We have been advised by [REDACTED] that a list is being prepared in OGC regarding pictures desired. I do not know but I assume the list may also include pictures desired by employees of OGC and OLC who attended the dinner. I have received a list from [REDACTED] copy attached, indicating the desires of General Cushman, Colonel White, [REDACTED] and Mr. Bannerman.

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3. It seems to me that someone will need to meet with Mr. Houston to ascertain his desires regarding sending pictures to Agency employees who attended the dinner. I suggest we send to Jean Couturier over D/Pers' signature pictures of all the winners with particular emphasis on Mr. Houston.

4. With regard to Colonel White's suggestion that pictures be sent to the various winners, I believe this would be appropriate over Mr. Houston's signature in whatever manner he deems satisfactory.


C/BSD

Atts

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15 June 1970


MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Personnel

Bob:

Last year I selected pictures taken at the National Civil Service League Career Service Award banquet and sent them to Agency personnel who I thought might like to have a copy. I think this was much appreciated. In addition, I selected pictures of the other Award winners and sent them along. I had several nice letters of thanks, and I think I made a few Brownie points for the Agency. I also sent a batch over to Jean Couturier in an attempt to make a few Brownie points there.

I don't want to overdo this, but it does seem to me that something along this line is in order. Would you be good enough to work it out with Larry Houston.

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L. K. White

cc: Mr. Houston

18 June 1970

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MEMORANDUM FOR: [REDACTED]

Attached are the pictures of Mr. Houston's dinner. Could you provide prints as follows:

	<u>Picture No.</u>	<u>No. of Copies</u>
General Cushman	34	2
	36	2
	40	2
	43	2
	12	2
	58	2
	61	2
	90	2
	91	2
	93	2
	95	2
	3	2
	4	2
	5	2
	9	2
	10	2
Colonel White	54	1
	42	1
	41	1
	47	1
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[REDACTED]	14	2
(O-ExDir)	45	1

Mr. Bannerman

57	5
45	2
27	10
28	8
29	10
32	6

} for DD/S
people

I understand, per our telephone conversation
that the Office of General Counsel will place a separate order which will
also include the Office of Legislative Counsel.

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Mr. Lawrence R. Houston
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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Personnel

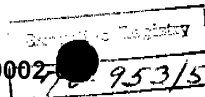
Bob:

I wish to express appreciation for the excellence
of the efforts of the Office of Personnel in the entire National Civil
Service League Award process. A special note should be made of the
efforts of [REDACTED]

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R. L. Bannerman
Deputy Director
for Support



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12 May 1970

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Personnel

Bob :

As far as I could tell, the National Civil Service League's Career Service Award Dinner was an extremely well-organized affair. I am rather sure Larry Houston greatly appreciated all of the work you and your staff did to make our participation in this event so smooth and orderly.

My personal appreciation is extended to all of those who were responsible for making the arrangements.

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L. K. White

NATIONAL CIVIL SERVICE LEAGUE AWARD DINNER - 8 May 1970

LAWRENCE R. HOUSTON'S ACCEPTANCE SPEECH

For one involved for so many years in the CIA's philosophy of anonymity, it is somewhat traumatic to find oneself in such a bright limelight.

Furthermore, in at least one respect I find myself here under what might be considered false pretenses. One of my first efforts for the Agency was to have it and all its personnel exempted from the classified Civil Service and from any jurisdiction of the Civil Service Commission.

I might say, however, that this was done with the Commissions' blessing, and we have had its willing and valued assistance ever since.

Whatever the technicalities may be, the employees of the CIA are, of course, civil servants and proud of it. It takes only a glance at the headlines to appreciate the need for and importance of intelligence and intelligence means people.

Starting with OSS, we have through the years been able to attract the most varied and interesting group of individuals that, in my opinion, can be found anywhere. Their skills are as varied as the world interests of intelligence. The intellectual caliber is

high, and they are indeed individuals willing to speak out and to accept responsibility.

My own job over the years has had great intrinsic interest-- as varied and novel a law practice as there is. But the greatest pleasure has been in working with the people of the Agency, with their imaginative concepts and deep dedication.

I, therefore, accept this splendid award on behalf of all my cohorts in the Agency and in particular on behalf of my own staff, which has supported me so ably all these years.

Thank you.

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May 15, 1970

Mr. Richard Helms

Director

Central Intelligence Agency

Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Helms:

It is a pleasure to send you a brief report on the National Civil Service League's 16th Career Service Awards program. We were honored to confer the award on Lawrence R. Houston.

The awards banquet was -- by all reports received -- a great success. The presentation of movies on each awardee was a highlight and I wish to thank you for making that innovation possible. Publicity, so far, has been excellent. Attendance -- over 1100 -- broke all previous records. You will want to know that once again, the CIA came through royally for "one of its own" by turning out over 120 people. They also most graciously and effectively acted to smooth over an unfortunate incident when the audience began to seek the autograph of one awardee to the neglect of the others. I'm personally grateful for your team.

We hope you will participate again next year, and will write you at the appropriate time inviting your nomination of candidates for the 1971 program.

Sincerely,

Jean J. Couturier
Signed in his absence
JCK

Jean J. Couturier

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NOTE FOR THE RECORD

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Career Service Awards dinner.

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██████████ will have pictures taken of
the display in the front lobby.

Jody

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Ambassador Goldberg, Honored Winners, Distinguished Guests,
Ladies and Gentlemen:

It is a pleasure to speak for both Mr. Helms; who regrets not being able to attend, and myself in introducing and honoring a long-time colleague from the Central Intelligence Agency. It is sometimes difficult to impress one's contemporaries -- those who "knew you when". Not so in this case! All agree as to his outstanding character, extraordinary professional skill, and thorough dedication. During his 22 years with CIA as its first and only General Counsel, he has fully met the challenge of public service. I therefore consider it an honor and a privilege to present a man who has made a lasting contribution to the Central Intelligence Agency, and to our nation:
Lawrence R. Houston.

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Lawrence R. Houston, you are not only the prime mover in the field of "intelligence law" you are its most renowned practitioner. As an eminent and brilliant expert in this field, you laid the legal foundation for the Central Intelligence Agency.

Your long distinguished career, marked by exceptional ability, imagination, drive and dedication, is indeed an inspiration and guide for all young federal careerists.

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Ada Kimsey called
to request copies of
photos taken at
the dinner.

Jody

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